

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 27, 2014

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Joe Gourley
Commissioner David Nipper
Commissioner Steve Pearcy
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Pettus Read
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Doug Shafer, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Davidson	Robert Arnold
Tharrel Kast	Dan Goode
Bernard Salandy	Virgil Gammon
Joe Russell	Larry Farley
Michael Gregory	Mike Nunley
Lynn Duke	Becky Shelton

Chairman Shafer presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

RESCHEDULE UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Per Committee consensus, the November meeting will be moved from November 24 to November 17 at 5:30 and the December meeting will be moved from December 22 to December 15 at 5:30.

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mike Nunley presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Nipper moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nunley advised the low bid for the Pace Center renovation came in at \$267,929 and with the three alternates was \$343,310.

Stryker Company had an electric stretcher available for the Committee to view prior to the meeting and a representative was in attendance for questions. The Committee advised it felt comfortable with the stretcher and anticipated savings in OJI claims.

COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Larry Farley presented the County Fire/Rescue report for the use and information of the Committee advising the Department was created in 2010. Response time for vehicle extrication has dropped from 17/18 minutes to 8/9 minutes. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Fire/Rescue report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Farley next advised he was requesting permission to apply for an AFG grant for 45 minute air packs to upgrade the volunteer departments. The grant will be approximately \$500,000 and will require matching funds. Mr. Farley advised the old air packs are required to be replaced in the near future and this is a vital safety issue. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve applying for an AFG grant as requested. This

motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Tharrel Kast presented the Emergency Management Agency report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Read moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Nipper moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearcy, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Bernard Salandy presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Pearcy moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Sheriff Robert Arnold provided maps to rural Commissioners on the Committee showing statistics for crime scenes in their districts.

Mr. Joe Russell next presented a proposed budget amendment to recognize revenue from JAG Grant 2014 into LE Equipment.

To: 101-47250	Law Enf. Grants -	\$ 33,545
To: 54110-716	Law Enf. Equip -	\$ 33,545

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was provided the line item reports for its use and information.

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Sheriff's Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was provided commendations and stats for the jail. The total population today is 827.

Sheriff Arnold next advised for the information of the Committee he had been monitoring the weekend call volume and there are

large periods of time when all available patrol cars are tied up. He will provide more statistics in future meetings. On a normal shift there are usually ten officers that can handle calls. Sheriff Arnold advised the number of warrants received and served, both criminal and civil, as well as reports written and mileage. Commissioner Phillips requested comparisons to years past. The Committee was advised it has been twelve years since an increase in patrol officers. It takes twenty-six weeks to get a new hired officer on the road.

Chairman Shafer asked how the school activity busses are being safety checked since Bart Smith is no longer doing this. Sheriff Arnold advised it was not being done by the Sheriff's Department and his department does not do the wheel tax enforcement like Mr. Smith did. Chairman Shafer will check with the Board of Education on the school activity bus checks.

PAWS REPORT:

Michael Gregory presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Gregory next presented a proposed budget amendment to purchase additional laptop computers for new officers and laptop mounts for all vehicles.

From: 101-34630	PAWS Commit for Health & Welfare - \$	6,500
To: 101-55120-499	Other Supplies and Materials -	\$ 2,500
To: 101-55120-709	Data Processing Equipment -	\$ 4,000

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the budget amendment for PAWS as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Gregory next presented the revised Rules & Regulations for PAWS and reviewed the changes with the Committee. The Rules & Regulations have been reviewed by the County Mayor and County Attorney but not the HR Director to date. The Rules & Regulations will go to the Steering Committee and Commission and then on to the Legislature if approved because it is part of the Private Act.

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve the PAWS Rules & Regulations as presented and forward the same to the Steering Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Chairman Shafer asked that the proposed Rules & Regulations be put in Commissioners' mailboxes that are not on the Public Safety Committee and that Ms. Taylor send an email to those Commissioners advising it is in their mailbox.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Shafer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

DOUG SHAFER, Chairman